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EPA ID : CAD981413750

SITE NAME: VENUS LABORATORIES INC

SOURCE: T

STREET : 18903 S MAIN ST

CONG DIST: 31

CITY : CARSON

ZIP: 90745 * .

CNTY NAME: LOS ANGELES

CNTY CODE : 037

LATITUDE : 33/49/18.0

LONGITUDE : 118/16/12.0

LL-SOURCE: G

LL-ACCURACY:

SMSA : 4480

HYDRO UNIT: 18070104

INVENTORY IND: Y REMEDIAL IND: Y REMOVAL IND: N FED FAC IND:

NPL IND: N NPL LISTING DATE: NPL DELISTING DATE:

SITE/SPILL IDS:

RPM NAME:

RPM PHONE: - -

SITE CLASSIFICATION:

SITE APPROACH:

DIOXIN TIER:

REG FLD1:

REG FLD2:

RESP TERM: PENDING () NO FURTHER ACTION ()

ENF DISP: NO VIABLE RESP PARTY () VOLUNTARY RESPONSE ()
ENFORCED RESPONSE () COST RECOVERY ()

SITE DESCRIPTION:

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Paul La Courreye, EPA

FROM: Chris Lichens, Ecology and Environment, Inc.

DATE: July 16, 1987

SUBJECT: Review of the Preliminary Assessment (PA) of Venus Laboratories, Inc., prepared by Linda D. Hogg and Sylvia Marson of the California Department of Health Services (DOHS), Toxic Substances Control Division, dated May 1985

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cc: Martha Walters, Ecology and Environment, Inc.

Summary

Venus Laboratories, Inc. (VL) operated at 18903 South Main Street in Carson, California from 1976 to 1980 as a manufacturer of commercial cleaning products such as drain openers, bowl cleaners, and floor cleaners. In 1980 VL moved to their present location at 15571 Commerce Lane, Huntington Beach, California. The site in Carson is currently occupied by Sims Welding Supply Company, Inc. (SW).

While operating at the Carson site, VL discharged potentially hazardous materials to a sump and concrete pit on-site, although it is not clear from available file information whether the sump was lined, and what the constituents of waste materials were. VL stated that the sump was lined, while SW stated the sump was not lined when they moved on-site in 1981. SW also indicated that several 55-gallon drums were on-site, although it is not clear what these drums contained.

According to VL personnel (5/85), the only wastes they produced were sludge which was collected in a concrete pit and subsequently hauled off-site, and rinse water which was reused to make drain-opener. Specific components of the sludge and rinse water are not indicated in available file information. However, a DOHS Industrial Waste Survey that was filled out by VL in 1980 indicated over 20 waste types as being associated with the site including solvents, pesticides, and chlorinated hydrocarbons. Additionally, a DOHS Solid Waste Information System (SWIS) form dated 8/30/82 stated that VL generated

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over 1,000 gallons per year of waste and listed waste types as chemical sludge/contaminated soil and organic chemicals. The SWIS form also stated that wastes were discharged to a percolation pond, to a storm drain and "underground."

A Los Angeles County Health Department (LACHD) inspection in 1979 revealed that there was an unpaved area on-site where chemicals had been dumped onto the ground and into a sump. Through the course of this inspection, it was also discovered that VL was in violation of several Cal OSHA standards, such as overlapping eating and chemical mixing areas. A follow-up LACHD inspection indicated that all violations had been rectified.

SW, currently on-site, is a distributor only of welding supplies and industrial gases. They do not generate hazardous wastes.

RCRA Status

VL is not listed in the EPA RCRA data base.

HRS Factors

Observed Release data, Route Characteristics information, and Targets information are not included in the PA. This information must be obtained in order to evaluate the site for HRS scoring.

Recommendations/Justifications

DOHS recommended active status, low priority for the VL site. Due to the uncertainties associated with past waste disposal practices, FIT concurs with the DOHS recommendation and recommends that a Site Inspection (SI) be conducted. Objectives of the SI should be to gather historical waste-management practices information, to obtain HRS scoring information and to determine sampling locations, if sampling is deemed necessary.